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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed May 4, 1999. We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following U.S. and foreign patents that are listed in form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 4,651,012 to Clark et al., which issued on March 17, 1987, titled HIGH BRILLIANCE LENSLESS PROJECTION SYSTEM OF TEST PATTERNS.

U.S. Patent No. 5,669,708 to Mashima et al., which issued on September 23, 1997, titled OPTICAL ELEMENT, PRODUCTION METHOD OF OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL SYSTEM, AND OPTICAL APPARATUS.

European Patent No. 0 359 018 to Burkhard Lischke, which issued on March 21, 1990, title is untranslated.

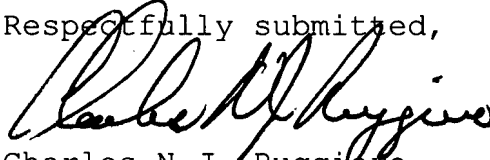
It is applicant's belief that none of the above U.S. and European patents describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the patents and articles that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed patents and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and
that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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